



November 2, 2017  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joel San Juan – District 1  
Bill Stewart – District 1  
Rebecca Hernandez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – District 2  
Michael Matthews – District 2  
Jenifer Mendel, Member-at-Large (ADS) – District 2  
Deanne George – District 3  
Colin MacKinnon – District 3  
Ed Weiner – District 3  
Tom Behr – District 4  
Jerry Hall – District 4  
John Sturm, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – District 4  
Judith Yates, Member-at-Large (MH) – District 4  
Phil Deming, Chair – District 5  
Richard McGaffigan – District 5

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Eyra Leeper – District 1  
Dana Hamilton – District 5  
K.C. Strang – District 5

**STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

Alfredo Aguirre, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)  
Ben Parmentier, Administrative Analyst III, Behavioral Health Services  
Phil Ainsworth, Administrative Analyst II, Behavioral Health Services

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meeting was called to order by Phil Deming, Chair, at 2:31 p.m. at the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92101, Room 302.

**II. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Members of the BHAB introduced themselves.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –October 5, 2017**

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Joel San Juan, the BHAB approved the minutes of October 5, 2017, as written.

AYES: 11    NAYS: 0    ABSTENTIONS: 1

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mercedes Webber came before the board to discuss concerns about seniors becoming homeless.

Jeanne Kelly came before the board to discuss a personal housing situation related to housing vouchers. She was previously evicted and concerned the eviction would deter landlords from renting to her.

Theresa Comstock, president of the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHB/C), came before the board to share that the association is here to help support and train local boards. CALBHB/C will be hosting an Adult Residential Facility Stakeholder Engagement event on December 5<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm in San Diego. Also, CALBHB/C is hosting a meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in San Diego. More information will be circulated to BHAB.

**V. ACTION ITEM: BHS Procurements Board Letter**

**Alfredo Aguirre, Director, Behavioral Health Services**

The BHS Procurements Board Letter will authorize competitive solicitations for behavioral health programs to continue implementing and enhancing the delivery of behavioral health services in San Diego County. The letter is seeking competitive solicitations for: Full Service Partnership/Assertive Community Treatment (FSP/ACT) Program and Behavioral Health Treatment Services for youth involved in or at-risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. The Board Letter also authorizes a payment to the California Mental Health Services Authority (Cal-MHSA) for statewide prevention and early intervention campaign efforts.

ON MOTION of Joel San Juan, seconded by John Sturm, the BHAB approved the BHS Procurement Board Letter, as written.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**DISCUSSION:**

Q: For Cal-MHSA prevention efforts, are all California counties involved?

A: There are 56 counties involved.

Q: Why is there such a big jump fiscally between money spent per year of the FSP/ACT program?

A: It is because of the timeline for implementation, the money is phased in over the first year.

**VI. ACTION ITEM: BHS Substance Use Disorder Revenue Agreement Board Letter**

**Alfredo Aguirre, Director, Behavioral Health Services**

The Substance Use Disorder Revenue Agreement Board Letter is seeking to have the California Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) renewal contract approved by the Board of Supervisors. The new contract will cover Drug Medi-Cal substance use treatment services and federal and state funding reimbursement.

ON MOTION of Michael Matthews, seconded by Colin MacKinnon, the BHAB approved the BHS Substance Use Disorder Revenue Agreement Board Letter, as written.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1

**DISCUSSION:**

Q: Is this only Drug Med-Cal?

A: This is for a limited time for these programs. The County is waiting for the new rates to be approved by the state.

Q: Will the funding come from the old source or the new source?

A: This funding will cover FY 17-18 and implementation of FY 18-19. Another contract will be set up once the new rates are approved.

**VII. ACTION ITEM: Election of BHAB Executive Committee Officers**

**Phil Deming, BHAB Chair**

Slate of officers proposed for 2018 were presented: Chair: Jenifer Mendel, 1st Vice Chair: John Strum, 2nd Vice Chair: Rebecca Hernandez, Member at Large (Alcohol & Substance Abuse): Jerry Hall, and Member at Large (Mental Health): Richard McGaffigan.

ON MOTION of Tom Behr, seconded by Michael Matthews, the BHAB approved the Election of BHAB Executive Committee Officers.

AYES: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**VIII. PRESENTATION: San Diego Police Department**

**Dr. Mark Marvin**

The Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) pairs mental health clinicians with police officers and respond to emergency mental health calls within the community.

Q: What are you doing to have more PERT Teams in areas they aren't in yet?

A: The PERT Teams are spread out and respond to calls that they are closest to.

Q: Who writes the reports? The PERT clinician, the officer?

A: Both of them write reports. They each have their own forms and the hospitals also fill out reports.

Q: Where are the gaps in the program?

A: There is no coverage between midnight and 8am.

Q: Are all the partners being trained the same way that the PERT Team is being trained?

A: There are 11 jurisdictions within the County of San Diego. They are all receiving the same training.

Q: After the PERT Team transports someone to a hospital for evaluation, what is the next step?

A: Depending on open beds and wait times at the hospitals, PERT Team members may wait with the patient.

Q: Is it difficult to hire mental health clinicians for this job?

A: Yes, it has been difficult hiring and retaining individuals. However, a raise was recently approved. We have 12 openings and 12 in background.

**IX. INFORMATIONAL UPDATE: Seniors in Crisis Board Letter**

**Chuck Matthews, Director, North Coastal & North Inland Regions**

This board letter authorizes a pilot program to assist seniors suffering from a mental health crisis such as Alzheimer's or dementia. It will include a rapid response team and transitional response team. This program will be able to provide more information to first responders when approaching situations that involve seniors. The pilot is slated to begin in the summer of 2018.

Q: The location of the pilot will be in the area under Supervisor Diane Jacobs?

A: It will not cover the entire area but some parts of her district.

Q: Please provide more details regarding the Take Me Home Program.

A: People who have dementia and have a tendency to wander away would sign up for this program ahead of time. This way if they wander away, they would be able to be found quickly and returned home. Currently, there are about 2,000 people signed up for the program.

Q: How many people do you plan to serve?

A: About 50 people per year.

**X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Alfredo Aguirre, Director, Behavioral Health Services**

- The BHS Ten-Year Roadmap has incorporated BHAB and HHSA Executive team feedback.
- The Health Services Advisory Board listed Behavioral Health third on their list of 2018 priorities.

**XI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**Phil Deming, Chair**

- We received an extension for the Data Notebook. The 2017 focus area is Adult/Older Adult.
- Update on by-laws: Had a meeting with County Council and the workgroup and all changes are with staff to prepare. Looking toward January or February to vote on changes to bylaws.

**XII. ADVOCATE REPORTING**

- Tiny Homes held a widely attended community presentation and exhibit at the Jacobs Center to work on addressing housing issues.

**XIII. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**XIV. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Bill Stewart, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

AYES: All      NAYS: 0      ABSTENTIONS: 0

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